Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—There was a requisition from the Panchayat.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was in 1100, years ago. They have not repeated their requests. There are other requests as well. Some re-grouping is necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, on what principle were some Panchayats allowed these powers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was considered to be essential. We could not wait any more. Very urgent it was.

Orders on the Special Finance Committee Report.

26. Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—Orders on the Special Finance Committee's Report.

On page 10 of the Cochin Government Gazette, published on the 16th Meenam 1105 it is stated as follows:—

"Another resolution recommends that, in the case of those drawing Rs. 60 and below who have put in 25 years' service, the maximum of their pay may be given *at once* and with effect from 1st Chingam 1104."

"This is accepted, but with effect from 1st Chingam 1105".

1. With regard to this, whether the concession regarding drawing the maximum pay *at once* was not granted from 1st Chingam 1105;

2. if so, whether officers, who had 25 years' service on 1st Chingam 1105 and who subsequently got promotion to the grade 25—40 or 40—60 are allowed to enjoy the benefit of the concession?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Yes.

2. No.

Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—Are there officers who have suffered because other officers were given extensions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Which is the sub-division, please?

Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—(2).

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know how that question arises.

President.—The supplementary question does not arise from this question. Any other question?

Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—But there are sufferers.

Registry Office—Narakkal.

27. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to open a Registry Office at Narakkal?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

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Mr. Paul Mampilli:- When do the Government think of opening the Registry Office ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Very soon, I think in Chingam next.

Appointment of Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

28. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in appointing Dr. Rao as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Government have considered the previous orders passed by the Government on the competency or otherwise of Dr. Rao to be in charge of any institution, department or particular function of a department ;

(b) will the Government be pleased to place on the table the orders referred to in (a) ;

(c) will the Government be pleased to state whether the orders under (a) were a bar to Dr. Rao's being appointed Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state how the Government got over it in appointing Dr. Rao as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—(a) Yes.

(b) Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing the orders on the Council Table.

(c) Yes.

(d) On perusing the papers again Government thought that Dr. Rao might be tried as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and accordingly appointed him on probation for six months.

Memorial from Anglo-Indians for Nomination.

29. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Anglo-Indians of the State had memorialized the Diwan praying for a special constituency or to nominate Mr. S. F. Nunez, M. A., to represent their interests in the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

30. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—If the answer to question (29) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether their prayer has been acted upon ; if not why not ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Their prayer to nominate Mr. Nunez was not sanctioned, because he was a candidate defeated at the recent elections.

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